

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-15, 17-18 and 20-22 are pending in the application. Claims 5-6, 16, and 19 have been cancelled. New claims 20-22 have been added. The Examiner asserted that the application contains two distinct inventions

Group I: Claims 1-4, 7-15, 17 and 18 drawn to a device portioning a piece of food and

Group II: Claims 5, 6 and 16 drawn to a method for portioning a piece of food.

Applicant elects Group I:

drawn to a device without traverse.

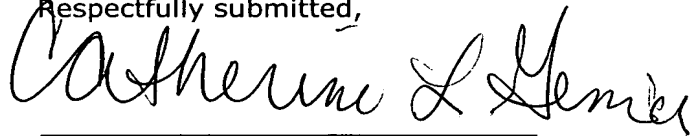
CONCLUSION

Applicant hereby requests examination on the merits.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the normal term which expired on 3 June 2005, for four months, to 3 October 2005. Submitted herewith is a check for \$795.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 13749.

Respectfully submitted,




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Elizabeth McAleese

Title Amendments

Please amend the title as follows:

Apparatus and ~~Procedure~~ for Portioning a piece a Piece of food